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of the Committee on Culture and Education

for the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

on a comprehensive approach on personal data protection in the European
Union
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Culture and Education calls on the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Underlines the necessity of having a better and broader definition of personal data in online and digital technologies, in particular with regard to new forms of individual identification and tracking;

Transparency

2. Stresses the importance of informing users of the competent data protection authority as well as ways to access, to rectify and to delete their personal data;
3. Underlines that adequate mechanisms to record users' consent or revocation of consent should be implemented;

Data protection for children and minors

4. Stresses the need for specific online data protection measures to protect children and minors; reiterates that media literacy should be an essential element of formal education in order to instruct children and minors on how to act responsibly in the online environment;
5. Calls for data controllers to be obliged to adopt age verification mechanisms;
6. Calls for the establishment of specific obligations and requirements when processing data relating to minors, and in particular children, including a prohibition on the collection of sensitive data relating to children; suggests that the collection of personal information from minors should not be allowed unless it is for necessary and lawful purposes;

Raising awareness

7. Encourages the Commission and the Member States to organise public awareness campaigns aimed at minors, and in particular children, highlighting the risks to their privacy in the online environment and the steps they can take to protect themselves;
8. Further recommends training and awareness campaigns targeted at data controllers and processors, informing them of their obligations.